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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PREHOSPITAL CARE OF BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCIES April 26, 2016

An ad hoc committee on Prehospital Care of Behavioral Emergencies was called to order on April 26, 2016 by Chairman, Clayton Kazan, M.D., at 9:15 AM. Introduction of those in attendance and two participants via web-conferencing.

Attending: Clayton Kazan, M.D. (EMSC), Erick Cheung, M.D. (EMSC), Frank Binch (EMSC), Roderick Shaner, M.D. (Mental Health), Irma Castaneda, Ph.D. (Mental Health), Luana Murphy (Exodus), Jaime Garcia (HASC), Rita Murray (NAMI), Kay Fruhwirth (EMS Agency), Marianne Gausche-Hill, M.D. (EMS Agency), Marilyn Rideaux (EMSC); Web-conferencing: Rick Moreno (LAC Fire), Clayton Chau, M.D., Ph.D. (L.A. Care)

Dr. Cheung conducted a run through of the developed flow charts, EMS response to MHSA emergencies, Law Enforcement response to MHSA emergencies, followed by question and answer discussion. The Committee also reviewed a table on Destination for Patients with Acute Mental Health Complaints and a flow chart on ITUP BH Workgroup Pilot, Collaborative System Supports to Manage ED Utilization in Behavioral Health Emergencies.

Discussion:

Dispatch Protocol

Law enforcement's determination of need for medical evaluation in the field
Stratifying patient destination from the field, with the potential for non-LPS designated facilities emergency departments not receiving 5150's.

Default responder

Authorizing detainment

MET/PET/PMRT

Action items for next Ad Hoc meeting:

- Make adjustments to flow charts to depict as accurately as possible the current emergency response processes for MHSA emergencies, based on today's discussion, and review at next meeting
- Review Erick's draft flow chart that reflect potential or proposed future changes in the organization of the emergency response system for MHSA emergencies, and provide thoughts and additional changes creating vision for the future
- Identify a pathway for bridging our current system to a proposed future system

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Kazan at 11:10 AM. A meeting doodle will be set up to determine everyone's availability and determine a specific date and time of the next meeting.